painful subject, and that not in the wisest nor most tasteful manner. In England it seems no one's business to remedy this saddest social problem of to-day. On the contrary many women in society rather intensify it. "The kindest thing is to say nothing about it," said a girl in society when speaking of a mooted engagement, " otherwise some of these women would ask him to dinner and try and stop it ! "

The French have their own system which is described by English residents in France to work extremely well. The parents not only provide a *dot* for their daughter but almost from her birth her mother is said to carefully consider the matter of her marriage, and when the time comes to introduce suitable *partis* to her until a mutual preference is shown. So in India a Hindu father con-siders from his daughter's earliest years whom he shall select for her husband, and observes the boy's youth accordingly, and one Rajput gentleman told me he was glad he

had no daughter, only sons, because the responsibility of selecting a husband suitable in all respects was so great. A right marriage for a girl is as important to her life's success as the choice